

Amendments To The Claims:

Claim 1. (**Currently Amended**): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable,

further wherein data of an initial calibration is stored into the transponder as production-related specific data.

Claim 2. (**Original**) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 3. **(Previously Presented)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 4. **(Original)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.

Claim 5. **(Original)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein an article number and/or a serial number of the proportioning device and/or a production order number and/or a batch number is/are stored into the transponder as production-related specific data.

Claim 6. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 7. **(Original)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein sales data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 8. **(Original)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein inventory data of the user is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 9. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 10. **(Original)**: The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein usage data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 11. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 12. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 13. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 14. **(Canceled)**

Claim 15. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 16. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 17. **(Cancelled)**.

Claim 18. (**Cancelled**).

Claim 19. (**Cancelled**).

Claim 20. (**Cancelled**).

Claim 21. (**Previously Presented**): The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the production-related data is selected from the group consisting of article number, serial number, production order number, and batch number.

Claim 22. (**New**): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable,

further wherein calibration data of the user is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data, and

wherein calibration data comprising correctness and precision of the user are stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 23. (New): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable, and

further wherein maintenance and/or repair data is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 24. (New): A method for handling data of a proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, comprising the steps of:

providing the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids, in a production process, with at least one transponder for contactlessly storing data using a writing device and from which data can be contactlessly read using a reading device, the proportioning device being of a portable or stationary design and selected from the group consisting of manually operated pipettes, motor-operated pipettes, manually operated dispensers, and motor-operated dispensers, the proportioning device for the dosing of liquids,

storing production-related data about the proportioning device, in the production process, into the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device, storing application-related data about the proportioning device in the transponder using the writing device,

during use of the proportioning device or during maintenance or repair of the proportioning device, fully or partially reading out the stored production related data and the application related data using the reading device,

wherein the application-related specific data stored into the transponder is fully or partially variable, and

further wherein the date of next calibration is stored into the transponder as application-related specific data.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 1 wherein the data of an initial calibration comprises the

date of initial calibration.

Claim 26 (**New**): The method of claim 22 wherein the calibration data comprises the date of calibration.

Claim 27 (**New**): The method of claim 1 wherein the calibration data comprises the date of the next calibration.

Claim 28 (**New**): The method of claim 22 wherein the calibration data comprises the date of the next calibration.

Claim 29 (**New**): The method of claim 23 wherein the repair data describes a defect.

Claim 30 (**New**): The method of claim 23 wherein the repair data describes a component which has been changed.

Claim 31. (**New**) The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 32. (**New**): The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 33. (**New**): The method as claimed in claim 22 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.

Claim 34. (**New**) The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 35. (**New**): The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 36. (**New**): The method as claimed in claim 23 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.

Claim 37. **(New)** The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the proportioning device is provided with a passive transponder.

Claim 38. **(New):** The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein at a beginning stage of assembling the proportioning device, a product component is provided with the transponder.

Claim 39. **(New):** The method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the transponder is encapsulated in the proportioning device.